

## The Pumpkin

By JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

At—on Thanksgiving Day, when from  
East and from West,  
From North and from South come the  
pilgrim and guest,  
When the gray-haired New Englander  
sees round his board  
The old broken links of affection restored,  
When the care-worn man seeks his  
mother once more,  
And the worn matron smiles where the  
girl smiled before,  
What moistens the lip and what brightens  
the eye?  
What calls back the past, like the rich  
Pumpkin pie?

## Thanksgiving

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving. —Psalm 147.

THANKSGIVING is one of our highest and holiest duties. There are in the Scriptures more commands and calls to praise than to pray. Yet few duties are more frequently neglected than this. There are many people who are always coming to God with requests but who do not come to him with thanksgiving after their requests have been granted. Ten lepers once cried to Jesus for cleansing, as he was passing them at a distance. He graciously heard them and granted their plea. When they had been healed, one of the ten returned to thank the healer, but the other nine came not again with any word of recognition of the great favor they had received. So it is continually—many are blessed and helped, but few show gratitude. Our Lord felt keenly the ingratitude of the lepers who returned not. "Where are the nine?" was his pained question. God pours out his gifts and blessings every day upon his children; and whenever no voice of thanksgiving is heard in return he misses it. If one bird of the forest is silent in the glad spring day, he misses its song. If one human heart fails to utter its praise amid life's countless blessings, he is disappointed.

Many there are who think that if certain definite days are set apart for praise it is enough. For example, they will be grateful for a whole day once in a year, touching their every chord of praise in their being, thinking that this is the way God wants them to show their gratitude. But the annual Thanksgiving day, not intended to gather into itself the thanksgiving for a whole year; rather it is intended to give the keynote for all the year's life. Life's true concern is praise. If we find that we are below the right pitch, we should take advantage of the particular thanksgiving seasons to get keyed up. When the strings of life begin to grow discordant thanksgiving will put us in tune.

The ideal life is one of gladness. Unthankfulness and fretfulness are discords in the song. We have no right to live gloomily or sadly. Go where we may, we hear the music of joy, unless our ears have become tone-deaf. The world is full of beauty and full of music. Yet it is strange how many people seem neither to see the loveliness nor hear the music. It were well if many of us would train ourselves to see the glory and goodness of God, as revealed in nature. It will be sad to leave this world, after staying in it three-score or four-score years without having seen any of the ten thousand beauties with which God has adorned it. "Consider the lilies," said Jesus. Every sweet flower has a message of joy to him who can read the writing. One who loves God's flowers and birds and trees and mountains and rivers and seas, and has learned to heed the voices which everywhere whisper their secrets to him who understands, can never be sad or lonely. The power to hear what nature's voices have to say is in our hearts, not merely in our ears. We must have the beauty in our souls before we can see beauty anywhere. Hence there are many who are really blind to the loveliness which God has strewn everywhere, with most lavish hand, in his works. So we must have the music in our heart before we can hear the music which sings everywhere for him who has ears to hear. If we have thanksgiving within us, we will have no trouble in finding gladness wherever we go. It is a sad and cheerless heart that makes the world seem dreary to certain people; if only they will let joy enter to dwell within,

a new world would be created for them. If we allow our heart to cherish unlovingness, bitterness, evil thoughts or feelings, we cannot hear the music of love which breathes everywhere, pouring out from the heart of God. But if we keep our heart gentle, patient, lowly, and kind, on our ears will fall, wherever we go, sweet strains of divine music straight from heaven.

A great man has said that the habit of cheerfulness is worth a fortune a year. This is true not only in a financial way, it is true of one's own enjoyment of life and also of the world of one's life to others. A glad heart gets immeasurably more out of life than one that is gloomy. Every day brings its benedictions. If it is raining, rain is a blessing. If trouble comes, God draws nearer than before, for "As your days, so shall your strength be." Then, in the trouble, benedictions are folded up. If there is sorrow, comfort is revealed in the sorrow, a bright light in the cloud. If the day brings difficulties, hardships, heavy burdens, sharp struggles, life's best things come in just this kind of experience and not in the easy ways. The thanksgiving heart finds treasure and good everywhere.

Then a glad life makes a life of gladness wherever it goes. It leaves an unbroken lane of sunbeams behind it. Everybody is better as well as happier for meeting one whose Christian life radiates gladness and cheer. We can do nothing better either for ourselves or for the world in which we live than to learn the lesson of praise and of thanksgiving. "Let us learn to sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving." There are troubles in every life, but there are a thousand good things for one trial. Sometimes we have disappointments but even these are really God's appointments, as some day we shall find out. If people are unkind to us, we must go on loving just as before, our hearts full of unquenchable kindness, and it will finally win. The most deep-seated tendency to sadness can be overcome and replaced by happy cheerfulness. The gospel of Christ comes to us and tells us that we must be born again, born from above, born of God, and our very nature will be recreated. Then divine grace assures us that it is not impossible even for the most unlovely life to be transformed into holiness. The being that is saturated with sin may be whiter than snow. There is no nature, therefore, however unhappy it may be because of its original quality or its early training, which cannot through divine help learn the lesson of happiness and thanksgiving. The secret of Christian joy is the peace of Christ in the heart. Then one is not dependent upon circumstances or conditions. St. Paul said he had learned in whatsoever state he was therein to be content. We know well that his circumstances were not always congenial nor easy, but he sang songs in his prison with as cheerful a heart as when he was enjoying the hospitality of a loving friend. There might be hardships, sufferings, and want; but in himself he had the peace of Christ; and this sustained him. St. Paul's secret of contentment is the Christian's true secret of a happy life.

**The People's Thanksgiving.**  
Even as we join in thankfulness to the fountain of all good and perfect things, we echo the aspirations of those less fortunate throughout the world who are turning their eyes to ward the sunlight and the morning of freedom and the responsibilities which freedom brings. It is our Thanksgiving that we have led the way in the path illuminated by the sun of liberty.

## A PROGRESSIVE AGE.

"I'm a practical and experienced widow," said the woman in black, "and I want to look at some coffins without any foolishness."

The undertaker looked up with the unhappy smile of his craft. "We have them all styles and prices," he replied softly and hopefully.

"And how about trading stamps?" Give 'em, I suppose."

"No-o," admitted the proprietor, almost losing his professional poise. "The truth is that at these solemn moments our customers do not, as a rule, indicate any desire for stamps."

"I guess I know a solemn moment all right," rejoined the widow; "but there's no use in making it solemn. I've just lost my third, and don't intend to lose a chance at a cuckoo clock into the bargain."

She was gone. The undertaker realized that in the race for business he was being left behind.

## NOT SO HONEST.



Tramp—You gave me a coat last week and I found \$5 in the pocket.  
Lady—Honest man; so you have brought it back?  
Tramp—No, lily; I've come for another coat.—Chicago Journal.

## Strictly Proper.

Old Barnacle Ben sat on a tar barrel and rolled his tobacco in his blistered palm.

"Yes, mates," he related to the crowd, "when I was on that Asiatic cruise I certainly saw some wonderful big fish. Why, off from the island of Borneo I caught a fish that measured ten feet from tip to tip."

"Come, come, Ben," protested his listeners. "Fish are not measured from tip to tip. You must be speaking about birds."

Barnacle Ben frowned. "Now, look here, mates," he growled, "I reckon I know what I am talking about. These here were flying fish and had wings."—Chicago Daily News.

## If We Were a Poet.

"If I were a poet," he said with great enthusiasm, "I would write a sonnet on your instep."

"You would, would you?" snarled her father, looming in the doorway. "You try it once and I'll add a foot note that will lift you so high above your contemporaries that they won't be able to see you."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Out of the Dim Past.

Christopher Columbus looked at the land ahead with some trepidation. "This is close enough," said the great navigator. "If I go any nearer to the mainland I may get into trouble with Castro."

Hastily dropping anchor, he landed on Cat Island and decided to leave to others the discovery of the real America.—Chicago Tribune.

## Collateral Evidence.

His indulgent grandmother had given him a half of a custard pie. "You seem to like it, Tommy," she said.

"Like it!" exclaimed Tommy, taking it away from his face for a moment. "jes' see how I'm mussin' up my ears!"—Chicago Tribune.

## He Did.

"And you walked along the shores of the Mediterranean? Well, if I had been there I should have brought away a lot of pebbles as souvenirs." "Gracious, I did! I've got a lot of 'em at home now that I shook out of my shoes after I had gone back to the ship."—Chicago Tribune.

## Made Twice the Work.

Customer—What's the charge?

Barber—Fourpence.

Customer—Fourpence? Why, I thought you only charged twopence for a shave?

Barber—Yes, sir; but you see, you have a double chin.

## Had Him Frightened.

"Oh," she said as he led her to a seat, "I could die waiting."

"Well," he replied, "to tell you the truth, I was afraid, owing to the way you breathed, that you were going to."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## No Use.

Mamma—When that boy threw stones at you, why didn't you come and tell me instead of throwing them back?

Little Son—Tell you! Why, you couldn't hit a barn door.

## Usually He Hasn't.

It doesn't follow, because a man happens to have a little more money in his pocket than he used to, that he has any more brains in his head.—Detroit Free Press.

## DOINGS AT NATION'S CAPITAL

APPROPRIATIONS, TARIFF, UNCLE JOE AND OTHER MATTERS CLAIM ATTENTION.

## GETTING READY FOR SESSION

Many Prominent Iron and Steel Men Are Appearing Before Ways and Means Committee on Tariff Question.

Washington, Nov. 25.—With the prospect of the second half of a two billion dollar congress looming up before it, the house committee on appropriations will begin next Monday its work of attempting to cut down estimates submitted by the secretary of the treasury for running the government during the coming fiscal year. The first thing Chairman Tawney did when he arrived at his committee room Tuesday was to issue a call for the committee to meet. Already Representatives Gillett of Massachusetts, Vreeland of New York, Livingston of Georgia and Sherley of Kentucky are in the city, and practically all the members are expected to be present at the beginning of the week.

Preparatory to the hearings on the question of iron and steel tariff revision which begins to-day before the ways and means committee, an informal conference was held last night of those representatives of steel and iron companies who already have arrived in this city to appear before the committee. No definite action was taken on any question in connection with the hearing, the matters relating thereto being discussed merely in a general way. "No plans have been made or policy adopted to advocate either a reduction or an increase of the tariff as it pertains to steel products," said P. C. Felton of Harrisburg, Pa., president of the Pennsylvania Steel Co., after the meeting. "We have come here to lay before the committee the various facts of which we are in possession regarding the particular variety of steel products with which we deal. We will leave it to the committee after having all the facts in its possession to decide whether the tariff needs to be revised." Many men identified with the iron and steel industry will address the committee.

Declaring that there will be an honest revision of the tariff and that there is no present need of fretting about the selection of a speaker for the house in the Sixty-first congress, Speaker Cannon arrived here from his home in Illinois Tuesday evening for the approaching session of congress. He added to the newspaper men that he believed the people would get the sort of tariff revision they voted for.

The commission appointed by congress to prepare a measure for the codification of the postal laws began daily sessions Tuesday. It is expected that a partial report will be made soon after congress convenes.

## MICHIGAN CATTLE AFFECTED

Officials Active in Combatting Foot and Mouth Disease.

Detroit, Nov. 25.—After a conference of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Chief Melvin of the bureau of animal industry with state officials last night a quarantine was ordered against Michigan cattle similar to the one enforced in Pennsylvania and New York. On farms in Wayne county, 29 miles west of Detroit, were discovered 100 unmistakable cases of foot and mouth disease. The animals will be destroyed.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 25.—Secretary James Wilson spent Tuesday in a personal investigation of the work being done to stamp out the outbreak of foot and mouth disease. He was accompanied by Dr. A. D. Melvin, chief of the bureau of animal industry. The eight herds of infected cattle at Akron, N. Y., have been killed, and the only known cases now existing are in four herds near Lockport and in one herd near Penn Yan.

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 25.—"The foot and mouth disease among cattle is not sweeping over the state; the outbreak was caught too early for that," says Dr. Leonard Pearson, state veterinarian. The disease has been found in 12 counties of the state and all cases have been traceable to Buffalo. Thus far 324 head of cattle and 340 swine have been killed in the crusade against the disease. The state livestock sanitary board has issued an order extending to the roads of all counties where the disease prevails a quarantine against driving cattle unless a permit is secured.

## Gatun Dam Damage Slight.

Panama, Nov. 25.—Lieut. Col. Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama canal, says that the damage done to the Gatun dam was of small consequence.

More Van Vliessing Indictments.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—Three additional indictments charging forgery were returned Tuesday against Peter Van Vliessing, the real estate man now serving an indeterminate sentence in the pen at Joliet. Prosecution is optional with the state's attorney.

Col. Mackley Dead.

Columbus, O., Nov. 25.—Col. Eli Mackley of Greenville, who had been visiting for the last four weeks at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. L. Dowler, died yesterday.

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